(b) if so, whether there is any proposal, under Government's consideration to privatise the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes Sir, The accumulated losses of Hindustan Shipyard Limited have been provisionally estimated to be Rs. 452.43 crores as on 31-3-92.

(b) No, Sir.

Declaration of Madurai-Tirunananthapuram Highway as National Highway

107. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to declare Madurai-Rajapalayam-Tenkasi- Nedumangadu-Tirunananthapuram road as national highway ; and

(b) if so, by when and what are the reasons for not declaring so far this road as a national highway ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The State Governments had sent a total of 135 proposals aggregating to approximately 37,566 kms for declaration of new National Highways during the 8th Plan. To examine the poposals in detail with respect to the laid down criteria, the State Governments were requested to send information about each proposal in a prescribed proforma bringing out the complete justificaion etc. This information is still awaited from a number of States. There is also paucity of resources. It is, therefore, too early to take decision about new National Highways in the 8th Plan including the road in question.

Non-Acceptance of Five Rupee Pass by Private Buses under D.T.C. operation

108. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the private buses operating under DTC are not at all accepting the Five Rupees Holiday Pass issued by the DTC ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The private bus owners had represented for a share of the income earned by the DTC on the sale of holiday tickets of Rs. 4. As DTC were not prepared to share these earnings as these were remunerative and in view of the difficulties in determining the share, it was decided that "travel as you please" tickets of Rs. 4 which were earlier valid in private buses under DTC on Saturday, Sundays and Gazetted Holidays would not be allowed in the private buses operating under DTC w.e.f. 19-1-1991.

Road Accidents in Delhi

109. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study by the Central Road Research Institute has revealed that Delhi has registered the maximum number of fatal road accidents ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last three years ; and

(c) what were the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. Among the metropolitan cities in India, Delhi has registered the maximum number of fatal road accidents during the last three years.

(b) Details of fatal accidents in Delhi during the last three years are as under :—

Sl. No.	Year	Fatal Accidents
1	1989	1460
2	1990	1559
3	1991	1651

(c) Reasons for accidents in Delhi could be :—

(i) Higher no. of vehicles per 10,000 population

(ii) Higher proportion of two-wheeler vehicles

(iii) Heterogenity of vehicular traffic on Delhi roads

(iv) Wide-spread road side encroachment, resulting in use of roads by the pedestrians

(v) Rash and negligent driving

(vi) Driving under the influence of liquor or drug

(vii) Non-observance of traffic rules such as lane driving or jumping of red lights, boarding and unloading of/ from the moving buses.

Pollution from Vehicles

110. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased state:

(a) whether Government propose to tighten pollution control measures to reduce emission of toxic gases from automobiles in view of the increasing levels of pollution caused by motor vehicles; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 already provide standards for carbon monoxide, smoke density, mass of hydrocarbons and mass of nitrogen oxides and idle carbon monoxide emission limits for all petrol and diesel driven vehicles. Section 190(3) of the Motor Vehicles Act also provides for stringent penalities for owner of vehicles violating these norms. State Governments have been requested to strengthen their machinery to implement these provisions effectively.

Committee on the Functioning of DTC

111. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RANJIT SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a high powered committee for restructuring of DTC;

(b) if so, when and what is the composition of the committee; its time schedule and terms and conditions thereof;

(c) whether the above committee has since finanlised its recommendations; and

(d) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A Group of Ministers has been set up by the Government on 7th Jan, 1992 under the Chairmanship of Minister of Finance to workout an inter-connected package for the rehabilitation of Delhi Transport Corporation. The composition of the Group is as under:—

1.	Shri Manmohan Singh Minister of Finance	Chairman
2.	Shri S.B. Chavan, Minister of Home Affairs	Member
3.	Shri C.K. Jaffer Sharief Minister of Railways	Member
4.	Shri P. Chidambaram Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Ministry of Commerce.	Member
5.	Shri Jagdish Tytler Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Surface Transport	Member
6.	Shri P.K. Thungon Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry.	Member